export five lakh tonnes of fine and superfine rice in 1996-97.

(c) Yes, Sir. Exports will help FCI in reducing carrying cost of surplus foodgrains apart from releasing storage space for fresh procurement.

(d) The stocks of. rice in the Central Pool is more than the minimum buffer stocking norms and no shortage of rice is anticipated in rice year 1995-96. FCI has been able to sell only 6,000 MT in the period April—June, 1996 for export.

(e) and (f) The FCI has been authorised to export or sell for export five lakh tonnes of non-durum wheat in 1996-97 only to honour "carry over commitments" made by FCI upto 31.3.1996 against the last year's authorisation which could not be delivered upto 31.3.1996. The FCI has been able to sell 3.29 lakh tonnes of wheat in the period April—June, 1996 for export.

Reserving cleaning powder for the Small Scale Sector

834. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cleaning powder is reserved exclusively for the Small Scale Sector;

(b) whether cleaning powder VIM, a product of Hindustan Lever Limited, a multinational company, is being purchased by Government departments in preference to the cleaning powder manufactured in the Small Scale Sector;

(c) whether the Secretary Department of Small Scale Industry and Agro and Rural Industries had in a letter dated 23rd February, 199S directed all the secretaries to Government of India to strictly adhere to the provisions of the Government's policy;

(d) whether Government departments are still purchasing VIM powder; and

(e) if so, whether any proposal to investigate the matter and to book the guilty people responsible for not following the policy of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir. The cleaning powder is not reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector but it is reserved under the list of items for exclusive purchase from KVIC/Women's Development Corporations/Small Scale Sector units.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Centres for disabled girls

835. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Centres for disabled girls (Disabled Girls' Home) are being run in country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are providing financial assistance to these centres;

(d) whether some women's voluntary organisations have applied for opening up of such centres in Rajkot, Surendranagar Districts of Gujarat; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH ROMOOWALIA) (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.